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IN BRIEF

Minden family doctor, Emile Campioni, passed away Dec. 18 at the age of 80.

Campioni, who struggled with many illnesses in his later years, served the people of Minden since 1998.

A memorial will be held at Lindsay's Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street on Jan. 3 from noon to 3 p.m.

IN QUOTES

"Whatever the answer is, we need it."

Eleanor Harrison on the assessment of the airport.
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Terrance Gavan/TIMES

Hooray for the holidays!

Minden's Ava and Nigel Smith weren't quite ready to leave Sir Sam's Ski Area last Monday after a full day of skiing. They took time to hang out for a bit with Sir Sam's version of Frosty the Snowman. Sir Sam's was teeming with local students enjoying the slopes during the school break.

Kinmount capsule sealed for 50 years

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Kinmount wrapped up its sesquicentennial year with the sealing of a time capsule to commemorate the year that was 2009.

"It's a snapshot frozen in time," said Kinmount sesquicentennial organizer Guy Scott as he greet-

ed a crowd at a ceremony at the Kinmount Community Centre on Dec. 27.

The capsule includes memorabilia from the village's sesquicentennial year, from play lists at Highlands Cinemas, to programs from the various events held throughout the year to two short films produced about Kinmount.

The village celebrated its 150th birthday with various events throughout the year and Scott said the celebration had been a success.

"It was great," he said. "What it maybe did more than advertise us, was build community spirit; a little bit of pride and a little bit of

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One heck of a year

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills had one heck of a year in 2009, the township's reeve says.

"Where do I begin?" Jim McMahon said, pointing out that the past year, which marked Minden's sesquicentennial anniversary, had a number of highlights.

"It just seemed like you were taking off and landing," he said. "The year just went by like no tomorrow."

McMahon said the township had enjoyed countless sesquicentennial events and came into some serious grant money.

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Remembering the year that was

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following is a look back at the year that was 2009 in Kinmount, Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Haliburton County.



The year got off to an exciting if not controversial start as former MPP Laurie Scott vacated her seat in the legislature to allow former PC leader John Tory a shot at carrying the riding.

January

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott announces that she will vacate her seat in the Ontario legislature to give Progressive Conservative leader John Tory a shot at carrying the riding. Tory had been defeated in his home riding in the 2007 provincial election and tension was growing within the party over its unelected leader. Ninety-two per cent of responders to an online Minden Times poll said they disagreed with Scott's decision to step down and a number of municipal politicians said they had received phone calls from constituents expressing their dismay over the move.

Kinmount opens its new arena. The village was without an arena for two years after the old one was condemned and torn down in 2007 after being severely damaged by a windstorm.

A public meeting concerning the Haliburton County Rail Trail at county council chambers sees a large turnout. Members of the trails management committee hear from advocates of motorized and non-motorized trail use about how the 33-kilometre should be used.

February

Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee and musician Rick Johnson, who ran unsuccessfully against Laurie Scott in the 2007 provincial election, is officially nominated as the Liberal candidate in the riding's byelection.

tion. From the get-go, it's clear that Johnson will run on a platform of local representation. "Thank you finally to John Tory for taking time out of his day to drive up here every day," Johnson said at a press conference. "It's a long way from Bay Street." The date for the byelection is set for March 5.

Representatives for Canadian Tire officially confirm that construction of the company's scheduled 6,000-square-metre Minden store is on hold. The company's vice president of media relations says the delay is due to construction costs but will not give specifics. Construction had been scheduled to go ahead the autumn prior. A new construction date is not set.

Algonquin Highlands announces it will proceed with an expansion of the Stanhope Airport after learning it will receive up to \$2.4 million in funding from the provincial and federal governments through the Building Canada Fund. The construction project, which is to install a second, 1,220-metre runway at the site, causes controversy within the township since some taxpayers don't feel the project is warranted. Minden Hills learns that it will receive \$1.6 in funding towards the construction of a water tower and Haliburton County is approved for \$1.8 in funding for roads work.

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Minden and Kinmount celebrated 150th anniversaries

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March

Liberal Rick Johnson defeats PC leader John Tory in a March 5 byelection to become the riding's new MPP. The race was close, with Johnson garnering 15,482 votes, or 43.72 per cent of votes and cast, and Tory receiving 14,576 votes, or 41.17 per cent of votes cast. Tory resigns as party leader.

April

Celebrations are held in Kinmount and Minden to celebrate the communities' sesquicentennial anniversaries. Both were incorporated as post offices on April 1, 1859. Members of Minden's sesquicentennial committee and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre dress in period costume to celebrate the occasion.

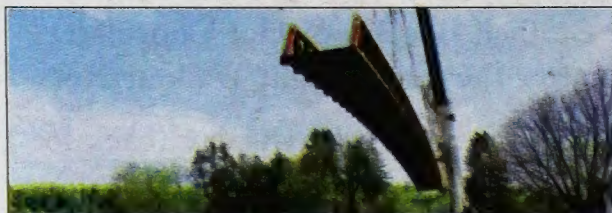
Andrew Kuzyk, a Dysart et al property owner whose land abuts the Stanhope Airport, says he does not intend to cooperate with Algonquin Highlands township with regards to the airport expansion project. While several old-growth trees on Kuzyk's property would need to be topped for the safe operation of a second runway and while the township can execute powers of expropriation over the lands of taxpayers within its boundaries, Kuzyk says he doesn't believe Algonquin Highlands can touch his trees without his permission or without getting Dysart et al council involved. Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison says she believes there is a clause within the Ontario Municipal Act that would allow the township to access Kuzyk's trees.

May

Members of Outloud Womyn's Voices lead protests against the Stanhope Airport project outside Algonquin Highlands council chambers before council meetings. Dozens of people participate, holding homemade placards and signs depicting white elephants.

Minden holds its first-ever blood donor clinic. With help from the Minden's volunteer fire department, the clinic reaches its goal of 50 units of blood. Clinics are now held in Minden four times a year.

Minden Hills installs a pedestrian bridge spanning the Gull River and connecting Water Street to Invergordon Avenue. Crowds gather along both sides of the river as a crane swings the 40-metre structure into place. The bridge, with a price tag of \$66,000 is part of the township's Riverwalk project and is later dubbed Loggers' Crossing in a bridge-naming competition.



Minden's pedestrian bridge was installed May 22.



Minden's Beaver Theatre reopened to much fanfare in August, but has now shut its doors for the winter.

June

Dysart et al property owner tells Algonquin Highlands council the township can pay him \$500,000 for the rights to top old-growth trees on his property. Kuzyk made the request as a counteroffer to the \$10,000 the township had offered to pay him for vegetation rights on his 3.5-acre property, which abuts the airport. The request is met with scoffs from council.

Algonquin Highlands council divides the airport expansion project into two phases; one being the rehabilitation of the existing runway and the second the construction of an additional 1,220-metre runway at the site. The move came at the suggestion of MP Barry Devolin, who suggested that while the township was waiting on the federal government to see if the project would require a full environmental assessment, it was risking losing Building Canada funding for both portions of the project.

County council abolishes the Haliburton County Rail Trail Management Committee, calling the body dysfunctional. Consisting of members of various user groups as well as members of council, the committee had overseen the Rail Trail for six years. Issues pertaining to the trail are placed under the auspices of the county's economic development committee until a new governing body can be created.

July

Infrastructure Canada says the Stanhope Airport expansion project must undergo an environmental assessment and government representatives tell attendees of a July 23 public meeting in Stanhope that the ministry will be accepting comments from the public as part of the assessment. One Infrastructure Canada representative says the assessment could take "months to years."

For the second summer in a row, residents in the areas of Halls Lake and Hawk Lake complain of unusually high number of black bears roaming properties and breaking into garbage cans, sheds and cottages in search of food. Many residents blame electric fencing at the Little Hawk landfill as the reason, but MNR officials maintain that after a number of years the former dump bears will return to the forest. The MNR sets up live traps in the area and some problem bears are shot.

August

After sitting abandoned for years, a refurbished Beaver Theatre reopens its doors under the ownership of Toronto financial consultant Fionnuala "Ludu" Martin. The theatre is to act as an arts hub for the community, providing a venue for live music, theatre, reading, film festivals and other cultural events.

September

A Minden Hills horse is euthanized after contracting the West Nile virus, making it the first confirmed case of the disease in Haliburton County.

October

Dozens of students at the county's public schools and high school take time off, reporting flu-like symptoms. While no swabbing was done to determine the strain of flu in sufferers, medical officials say that most people displaying symptoms have likely contracted the H1N1 virus.

Carnarvon residents are upset over proposed changes to a shared fire services agreement between Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands that could potentially mean waiting an extra five minutes to receive medical attention. Discussions on this issue are continuing between the two townships.

November

Toronto learns it will be hosting the 2015 Pan Am Games, which means the Minden Whitewater Preserve will be the venue for the event's kayak races.

The owner of the Minden RiverKings announces suddenly that he is folding the team. Derrick Randles had purchased the Junior A team earlier in the year. The players who wished to finish out the season were placed with other teams in the Greater Metro Hockey League.

December

Canadian Tire confirms that it will wait to construct its Minden store until Minden Hills has erected its water tower. Township chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison says this will save the company a substantial amount of money. The water tower will likely not be completed until 2011.

From Dec. 10 to 12, a massive snowstorm drops 126 cm of snow on Minden, breaking snowfall records and putting the township into a state of emergency. Many residents were snowed in their homes for days and the cleanup costs, for which the township has applied for relief funding from the province, have been estimated between \$150,000 and \$180,000.

2010 may be a challenge, Minden reeve says

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funds to municipalities struggling during the recession, Minden Hills was able to secure \$1.6 million toward its water tower project, \$1 million toward the second phase of the Riverwalk project and \$600,000 for upgrades to the arena.

The installation of a pedestrian bridge spanning the Gull River, the approval of a floating snowmobile bridge and the installation of new water distribution system at Lutterworth Pines were among other accomplishments, McMahon said.

Disappointments were not receiving grant money to streetscape Minden's downtown and the folding of the Minden RiverKings.

"But all in all it's been a great year," he said. 2010 may be a little more challenging, however. "The province is broke," McMahon said, explaining that the grant money that was flowing so freely in 2009 should be reduced a trickle in the coming year. The reeve said he would like to see the township complete its economic



Minden Reeve Jim McMahon

development in 2010. While it had been on the agenda for 2009 and \$100,000 had been set aside for its creation, council decided because of the recessionary times to put the plan on hold and use the allotted money for more immediate concerns. "Without a plan, how do you know how to get there?" McMahon said.

Airport progress was slow in 2009

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The past year has been one full of both challenges and gifts for Algonquin Highlands township, Reeve Eleanor Harrison says.

"The biggest disappointment is that the airport [expansion project] is certainly at a standstill," Harrison said earlier this week.

The federal government is conducting an environmental assessment at the site to see if the construction of an additional 1,220-metre runway at the airport is permissible.

However, despite several attempts, Harrison said the township has been unable to get information from the government about how the process is going.

"Nobody's getting answers," she said. "Whatever the answer is, we need it."

However, the year also had its promising moments.

"We were fairly fortunate in our funding in 2009," Harrison said.

Algonquin Highlands received funding

from the federal and provincial governments to the tune of \$225,000 to outfit some of its main public buildings with emergency generators.

There was also a \$10,000 cheque towards lighting for a new ice rink and grant monies to build the rink, along with a new tennis court and public washrooms on North Shore Road.

While the man who had volunteered to oversee that project for the municipality has suffered health problems, Harrison said she is hopeful the municipality will be able to proceed with the recreation project in 2010.

"And of course, the airport is still on the horizon," she said.

She added that even if the township cannot proceed with the construction of a second runway, there is still the matter of the rehabilitation of the existing runway, which should get underway as soon as the weather allows.

Harrison said she is also hoping the township will be able to install a chair lift at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

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Kinmount Gazette to become a permanent publication

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community spirit."

As Scott explained, this year also marked anniversaries for a number of Kinmount institutions.

Highlands Cinemas celebrated 30 years in business, Kinmount's artisans' marketplace turned 10 and the village's united church marked 150 years.

Celebrations for these anniversaries were held as part of the overall sesquicentennial celebration.

The brainchild of Scott and other community members, the *Kinmount Gazette* was started as a small, pamphlet-style newspaper, packed with stories of Kinmount's history.

Sixteen issues were published throughout the year, but Scott said because of its immense popularity, the *Gazette* will continue.

"I had my life threatened too many times," he joked. Issues of the publication were also put in the time capsule, which will be stored in the basement of the community centre until it's opened 50 years down the road. Scott said he was glad to see a number of children at the event, since it would be up to them to remember where the time capsule is and when it is supposed to be opened.

"We better get the young ones out, let's put it that way," he said, hinting that he and the 12 or so members of the community's sesquicentennial organizing committee may not be around in half a century.

MPP Rick Johnson was on hand and gave a brief speech. "I'm a bit of a history buff," he told the crowd, explaining that he'd been delighting to read the *Gazette*, particularly the pieces on Kinmount's Icelandic heritage.

Johnson said also that his first ever member's statement in Queen's Park had been regarding the 150th anniversary of the Kinmount post office.

"It gives me an attachment to this town that I'm very proud of," he said. Councillor Peter Franzen of the City of Kawartha Lakes also said a few words, calling Kinmount his "adopted hometown."

"I've certainly felt welcome in this community," he said. Franzen, who sits on the board for the health unit, said he was also proud of the improvements to Kinmount's health facilities. Former MPP and Kinmount native Laurie Scott was also in attendance. Guy Scott said he had received a note from MP Barry Devolin, who couldn't make the event.



ASES kids give back

Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School collected food in the weeks leading up to Christmas and donated several boxes worth to Minden's Christmas basket program. Photo by Chad Ingram.



A banner year

Archie Stouffer Elementary School students who made banners as part of 2009's Minden banner festival received their banners back during a Christmas assembly at the school on Dec. 18.

Students' banners were displayed on Minden's downtown strip during the spring and summer and a number of students received awards from the banners committee for their work.

Photo by Chad Ingram.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

2000s were doom and gloom

SO, HERE WE ARE, on the brink of a new year.
And not just another new year, but one in which we turn the page to a
new decade.

Yes, humans love to compartmentalize and categorize and we love to divide
time into neat groupings of 10 years, based on the zero through nine order that
is the basis of our numeric system.

And over time, each of these groupings of 10 years become social, political and
cultural time capsules.

Think of any decade of the 20th century and you will find there are a number
of events and trends you associate with it; occurrences that seem to define that
era.

The 1920s brought economic boom in North America and the birth of jazz
music; the 1930s were marked by the Great Depression; the 1980s saw the
culmination of the Cold War as well as an array of terrible music, fashion, and
hairstyles; the 1990s have come to be defined as the decade when the Internet
changed the face of the human world forever.

So what of the last decade? How will history see it?

Perhaps it is simply too soon to tell, but it seems the first decade of the 21st
century has come and gone without any overarching trend or pivotal moment
that will characterize its place in history.

If anything though, it seems the last decade, or the 2000s, I suppose, although
it looks awkward, will be remembered as a time of doom and gloom.

The last 10 years were host to the 9-11 attacks, a seemingly non-stop sequence
of global terrorist activities, a barrage of deadly tsunamis and hurricanes and,
just in the past couple of years, what has been called the worst economic disaster
since the Great Depression.

In Canada, we had the sponsorship scandal, the crash of Nortel, a basic
abandonment of any effort to fight climate change and of course Canada's
involvement in the war in Afghanistan, which has so far killed more than 130
Canadian soldiers.

Come to think of it, perhaps it's not such a bad thing to be shutting the door on
the 2000s. Hopefully, 2010 brings with it a better and brighter decade.

Chad Ingram



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Set your Christmas tree on fire New Year's Eve

file photo

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Taylor talks too much

To the Editor,

On Dec. 18 around 9:30 a.m., I left
my phone number with the reception-
ist at the Conservative Party riding of-
fice in Lindsay, requesting that Mr.
Peter Taylor return my call. Mr. Taylor
serves as an office assistant to Barry
Devolin, member of parliament for the
federal riding of Haliburton/Kawartha
Lakes/Brock.

Earlier in the day I had learned from
a trustworthy source that Mr. Taylor
was quite open in voicing some extreme
right-wing views about the politics of
climate change. Being curious about the
opinions of Mr. Devolin's assistant, I re-
corded his return phone call, which ex-
tended from approximately 11:30 a.m.
till noon the same day.

The entire interview can be heard
online (and for the next six days)

at www.yousendit.com/download/VG1jdFdjNnkzeU1LSkE9PQ.

Thereafter it will be made available
through www.DeSmogBlog.com, a ma-
jor Internet platform committed to ex-
posing global warming deniers.

To improve audibility I applied vari-
ous filters to the original taped version,
but please realize that Mr. Taylor kept on
babbling whenever I attempted to talk.
That explains the background drone,
which you'll hear. It will take some po-
litical initiative to get rid of that sort of
noise.

Exactly why has Mr. Devolin hired
someone who talks offensive balder-
dash to his constituents? If this is not as
Mr. Devolin would like it, then surely
some vigorous consciousness-raising is
in order.

Douglas Smith, PhD
Carnarvon

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Once in blue moon

ON THURSDAY, we'll end the decade, the year, and the month with a blue moon, which, contrary to popular belief, isn't what happens when you sit on a cold toilet seat.

Technically, in fact, the term refers to the fourth full moon in a calendar quarter. In common usage, the phrase is also used to denote a rare occurrence, which in this case, it certainly is. Our next blue moon will fall on Nov. 21 in the new year. After that, we need to wait another three years.

Between you and me, I'm taking this as an omen of sorts – perhaps even as an indication that I ought to do something rare and unusual on that special day. I should probably make it memorable too.

Right now my plan is to make our bed on that morning before my wife even gets the chance to ask me to do so. Given the

circumstance, this is actually perfect. Like a blue moon, me making the bed is not so rare as to be totally unheard of. And yet it hardly ever happens more frequently than once a year. Heck, at the risk of overdoing it, I might even go all out and fluff her pillow.

Call me a romantic, but I'd really like to end this decade on that kind of high note. After all, you only go this way once.

The worrisome part is, if I do manage to remember to do this, it will mean that I have just added bed making and pillow fluffing to the list of things that I already

do once in a blue moon. Currently, that list

comprises: drinking more than I should, smoking a cheap cigar with a friend, getting in touch with my inner child, shaving, mowing the grass, listening to a Tom Waite album and exfoliating. As you can see, this is a small but manageable list. I'm not sure that making it larger will help.

In this sort of situation, any thinking person must ask, should I needlessly complicate my blue moon list by

adding items like bed making and pillow fluffing to it?

This is an important consideration because not only does it set

the stage for future bed making and pillow

fluffing activities to come, it also adds a wild card to an already proven list of blue moon activities.

Do you really want to be that busy? I'm not so sure. Which is why I plan to be a little more cautious this time around.

That's not going to be so easy, considering that the blue moon and New Year's Eve are going to collide this year. So, in effect, whether you like it or not, the things you do this New Year's are, by default, the things you do once in a blue moon. This could set some very dangerous precedents. On the other hand, it could also provide a bit of justification.

For instance: "Yes, I was wearing a lampshade and dancing on the table at that party. But give me a break, I only do that once in a blue moon."

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Steve Galea

No rest for your battery

IF YOU LEAVE your auto in the airport's long-term parking lot next time you head down to Acapulco for some R&R you may be in for a big surprise when you get back home.

What you may come back to is a battery flattened by all of the computers it kept running while you were away. It might take as little as two weeks, according to the service manager of my new car dealership.

I can't give you his name or the name of the dealership or I'd have to interview all of the service managers at all the dealerships between here and Bowmanville, just to be fair.

My service manager says it's the same with all new cars, that it has been since 2000, in part because of government-mandated computer systems that check the government-mandated evaporative emission systems for vacuum leaks.

If there are leaks, which would let fuel vapour escape into the air, the computer turns on the same check-engine light that tells me

that I haven't tightened my gas cap properly.

That light stays turned on as long as the battery lasts. So does the security light, which is there for who knows what reason. A multitude of other computer systems keep sucking juice out of your battery while your engine sits idle.

Two weeks may be a little cautious, says another expert. A month is a better guess, according to Eli Melnick, an electrical engineer and mechanic who runs Start Auto Electric in Toronto.

Melnick says mechanical improvements, such as the change from fuel pumps to fuel injection, making starting your late-model car easier for your battery.

Even so, the battery bears the burden of all the bells and whistles we expect in our new sedans. If your battery has to get you going

on January mornings in Haliburton, it needs as few electronic distractions as possible.

Melnick says a really frosty morning effectively shrinks the battery's size by 75 per cent. Regular oil turned gummy in severe cold adds to that shrunken battery's burden; Melnick recommends synthetic oil for our climate.

The Brown Dog Jiggs and I have a better solution for cold-weather starts. Don't bother with them. Throw another log on the fire and wait for a

warmer day. Waiting for a warmer day is something both of us are very good at, out beyond the winter reach of CAA and

most tow trucks.

Whichever battery expert is right, Jiggs and I yearn for simpler times when trucks had no computers and batteries were glad



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

of it. The last time I bought a car instead of a truck, perhaps 25 years ago, I retired my worthless wreck of a pickup to summer duty on Sapsucker Ridge.

Wreck is an understatement. In its last spring, the engine ran on so badly that it hardly seemed worth turning the ignition to the off position unless I was done with the truck for the day.

Eventually, I swapped it for a couple of hundred-pound tanks of propane and got the better of the deal. Only a few weeks later, the frame broke while its new owner was driving it down Highway 35. That's how far it was past its best-before date.

But the battery endured. Some time each fall I'd leave it to the mercies of a Haliburton winter. In May, it took only a twist of the key to blow the mouse nests out of the fan housings and start the truck just as well as if it had been running every day since November.

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Why so much?

To the Editor,

We went to Kingston on Dec. 19 and gassed up at 83 cents a litre on Highway 7.

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and Valumart, Minden? \$5.89!

Why are we paying more in Minden than other places??

H. Creamer
Minden

See more letters on page 8

EMS trudged through snow to rescue me

To the Editor,

I hate winter and I hate snow! My idea of getting dressed to go outside is a T-shirt and shorts.

You've heard the saying "Cheer up, things could have been worse" as it was, things did get worse.

At the height of the worst winter snowstorm in years, not seeing my driveway and my car in days.

Things did get worse at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, with severe stomach pains, and not being able to settle down and go back to bed. At 6:30 a.m. I was walking the floor. By 10 a.m. there was no way this pain was going away. I decided to call my neighbour to find out when I could expect my driveway to be plowed out.

Uncertain about the time, his wife called me back, and was concerned as to what was wrong. She suggested I call 911, and explain my situation, not wanting to bother anyone, I wanted to wait a little longer. When things progressed to the point of throwing up due to the severe pain, I knew there was no waiting any longer. I called 911 the operator asked all the pertinent questions and reassured me that help was on its way. I told her my driveway had not been plowed, and I didn't think they'd be able to get to me, she was confident that wouldn't be a problem and be patient, and lay on my side to keep my airway clear.

I have no idea how much time had passed, 20 minutes or 30, there was knocking at my door. I yelled from my chesterfield, "It's open!" Standing beside me were two EMS men and their equipment.

These two men had waded chest deep snow with equipment in hand, my driveway is at least 200 yards, maybe more.

These two gentlemen immediately took control of the situation, the fire department and a plow were commandeered to assist. The plow turned out to be ineffective due to the narrow road and the sharp corners. Plan B was put in place, packing a trail with a snow machine (which had gotten bogged down a number of times) in order to get me out. With perseverance, a snow machine, a rescue sleigh, and a stretcher with more help arrived at my door ready to transport.

I cannot believe these guys, ambulance attendants and fire rescue were hell bent in not letting a bit of snow stop them from accomplishing their job to deliver me to Minden emergency.

All the while these men were slugging equipment and me, NO ONE had a harsh word or let their frustration show. Instead, they reassured me that everything was fine and it wouldn't be much longer and apologizing for the rough ride, behind the snow machine to the ambulance

waiting on the highway.

In the past I have been involved with many medical professionals from here to the Maritimes and back again due to poor health. I have never met more dedicated, caring men and women.

Yes, I hate winter and snow, but I'm glad I live where I do, having these great people willing to go above and beyond, way beyond their duties.

Bravo, thank you and a merry Christmas to you all. You should be very proud of yourselves.

God bless,
Mary Cameron
Minden

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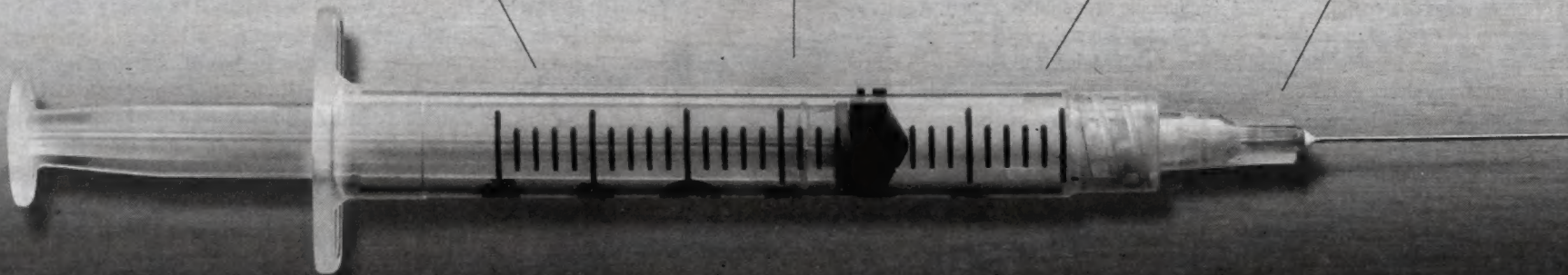
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• 1 in 5 people hospitalized with H1N1 have ended up in intensive care and/or on ventilators.

• Half of those in hospital with H1N1 have been under 24 years old.

• More people have been sick this year from the flu compared to the past 5 flu seasons.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2010

Notice is hereby given that a Special Council Meeting has been called for Thursday, January 14th, 2010. The Special Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, following the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider:

a) Approval of the RInC Funding Agreement

COURTESY TO SNOW REMOVAL STAFF
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**THANK YOU, COUNCIL AND STAFF OF THE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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NOTICE

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Council and Staff of the Township of Minden Hills

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec 24 - 4	Admin office Closed
Dec 30	Minden Library Christmas Hours please call 286-2491
Dec 31	New Year's Family Night - Minden Community Centre
	New Year's Dance - Minden Community Centre
Jan 4	Admin office Open
Jan 14	Committee of the Whole-Special Meeting 9 a.m.
	Council Chambers
Jan 14	Official closing of Time Capsule at the Minden Hills Library @ 2:00 p.m.
March 18	Public Meeting re: Tariff of Fees and Charges
March 18	Special Council Meeting (Budget Deliberation) followed by a Public Meeting
March 25	Consideration of 2010 Budget

For a complete list of regular 2010 COTW/General Committee & Council Meeting dates visit www.mindenhills.ca (Council)



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Holiday Hours
The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will close on December 19 at 5pm and re-open January 5 at 10 am 2010.

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A non-juried display of our members' talents, where you can vote on your favourite piece for the People's Choice Award. Winner receives their 2010 membership free.
Join the Centre and show your art! Entry form and rules on our website: www.mindenculturalcentre.com

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is now accepting applications from **instructors for 2010 programming**. Instructors are invited to propose interesting and engaging youth workshops specifically for the very popular March Break week and the Centre's Culture Club in the months of July and August. Workshops can be 2.5 hours or 5 hours for ages 5 to 7 or 8 to 12. The application requires a budget listing material costs (approx. \$5-\$10 per child). The instructor's fee is \$30 per hour. The Centre is looking for workshops that address any part of its cultural elements: literature, visual arts, heritage and environment. Please send your proposals, or questions, to Laurie Carmount gallery@mindenhills.ca

Marketing Workshop with Galigraph - January 19 10:30-2:30 pm lunch included. Learn about how to stretch your advertising dollars, learn how to save on shared print runs for your brochures and printed materials, and a lot more ideas from a company with over 20 years experience. For more information about cost or to register please call 286-2298, this workshop is a fundraiser for R.D. Lawrence Place.

For more information contact museum curator, Carol Simmons at 286-3154 or email museum@mindenhills.ca

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

RIVERWALK pathway loop will not be maintained from October 1st to May 1st. Users will do so "at their own risk" and pathway could be slippery. Council, at their Council meeting on November 26, 2009, instructed that the Loggers' Crossing Bridge will be open for public use during the winter months - please use caution.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Official Time Capsule Closing at the Minden Library on Thursday, January 14th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTICE- MINDEN RIVERWALK

Please be advised that work has commenced on the new Clergy House Bridge and will continue for the next few weeks.

NOTICE-NEW SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE

Please be advised that work could commence the week of January 4th for the installation of the new snowmobile bridge at the Peck Street boat launch and Orde Street crossing. Anyone requiring further information may contact L. Cunliffe at 705-286-1260 ext 215.

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ATTENTION

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JOIN IN AND CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S!

The Minden Sesquicentennial Committee
Invites everyone on December 31st

5:30-8:30 pm	Family Skate at the Minden Arena
6-8 pm	Wagon Ride (pick-up from the back lot of Minden Community Centre)
7:30 pm	Torch Light Walk leaves Village Green (downtown Minden) ending at the back lot of the Minden Community Centre for the huge Bonfire!
8:30ish	Bonfire & Hot Chocolate-after the Torch Light Walk arrive.
9:00 pm	Fireworks Display (back lot of Minden Community Centre)

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Hyland Crest gets festive

The dietary and laundry staff decorated the cafeteria and put out a delectable spread for the residents to enjoy with their families as they visited throughout Christmastime.

Photos submitted by Lindsay Lester, Hyland Crest activation aide



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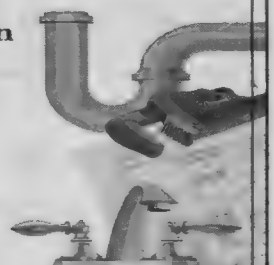
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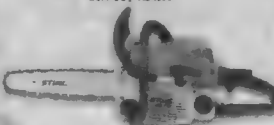
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STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson

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Well another Christmas has come and gone! It seems to me that each year is going by a lot faster than it ever used to.

This year at our house we had no tree! Yes, strange but true. It was the first time that I didn't decorate a beautiful tree to elegantly stand in the living room and have that traditional look of presents under it.

Instead, on Christmas Day we had a house plant topiary in shape decorated with ornaments and it served the purpose. It looked as good as the tree in a *Charlie Brown Christmas*. It's all in the glitz.

It wasn't a side of Scrooge in me, just a little of reality that our dog, Cosmo, is just on the cusp of eight months

old, combined with Mogley, our young cat, that is just more than one year old, would make the tree shabby within minutes.

It didn't make any sense to have the tree tied to the ceiling, no breakable ornaments and blocked from all sides and no guarantee that any of these measures would even work. They would find a way, they always do.

Anyway, Santa still came to our house and brought me some goodies including an espresso/cappuccino machine, a blender, mixing bowls ... gee, do you see where this is going? For the New Year I might never leave the kitchen!

Now we are all gearing for New Year's Eve. This is going to age me but I remember going to some really fancy parties in a long dress and high heels. Now it will probably be some munchies, a couple of drinks and by 10 I will be in bed. I used to wait for midnight then discovered it wasn't a really big deal.

We all have aspirations of each year being better than the previous unless you are one of the lucky ones that have one good year after another.

Traditionally, the new year turn over always encour-

ages me to give up stuff and strive for what, I don't know. The new year will unfold the way it's supposed to. Good or bad.

All I know is that I will be fortunate if I still spend the new year with all the people that I know and love in this beautiful part of the world.

Now that the kiddies might be getting a little restless, don't forget about the Kids' Club that will meet every second and fourth Friday at the Stanhope Community Centre from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This program is geared to children between the ages of six and 12 with a cost of only \$1 per child.

The recreation committee will be organizing many wonderful things for them to do including outdoor skating behind the fire hall.

It was very successful in the past so they have decided to run it again this year. They are also looking for volunteers so if you have a little time on your hands give them a call at 705-766-9968 or by email at drc@algonquin-highlands.ca.

All the best in health and happiness in 2010!

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Official Bids must be received at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 5, 2010

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Notices



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN OPA NO. 2

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Open House and a Public Meeting under the Planning Act.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Official Plan Amendment No. 2 has been initiated by the Council for the Corporation of the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended. The proposed amendment is a general amendment which will result in revisions to the policies in the County Official Plan to address matters identified by the community. The amendment will result in an Official Plan that is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Open House on

DATE: Saturday January 16th, 2010
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to review the final draft of the Official Plan policies. County Staff and members of the Consultant Team will be on hand to receive comments and answer questions.

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Meeting under the Planning Act on

DATE: Wednesday January 27th, 2010
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

This Meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the final draft of the Official Plan policies. County Council will hear presentations but requests that written comments also be provided.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Open House, Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of draft Official Plan policies can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department after August 15th, 2009 or by visiting the County website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca and following the links from News & Public Notices: Official Plan - 5 Year Review. Information regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 17th day of December, 2009.

For additional information please contact:
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County of Haliburton
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For the past 30-some years, Christmas has always been here at the old farmhouse. We have been fortunate. Each year though has become more of a challenge with extended family commitments to be met. While difficult, clearly it was time for a change, so Bruce and I went south for Christmas not to the balmy temperatures of Florida but to Ajax, Ont. We left the Kinmount picture-postcard winter wonderland to arrive at a very green landscape with rain falling most of Christmas Day. Son David, Rita and Emma's house sported three decorated trees and warm hospitality filled the air. The next evening the air was filled with a different sound as the Jersey Boys electrified the audience at the Toronto Centre for the Arts. We arrived back Sunday just in time to make peace with a disgruntled Clarence the Cat, attend the closing celebration of Kinmount's sesquicentennial year and pick up Taffy at Moore Falls. It was a great holiday and the start of new traditions now that the "torch" has been passed.

Plan to ring in 2010 at the New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion branch 441 Kinmount on Thursday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. DJ Tom Williamson guarantees great music and the cost per person is only \$15, which includes favours, prizes and a hot and cold buffet. Advance tickets are available at the Legion by calling 488-3462. On New Year's Day, Legion president Mary Lou Ferguson will host the annual president's levee at the branch beginning at 1:30 p.m. Non-members are welcome so please drop by.

While most groups are taking a holiday break this week they will be up and running again come the new year. To list some of the regular happenings the Kinmount seniors

host a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Mondays followed by bid euchre at 1 p.m. at the Kinmount Legion. Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. will find the Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders (488-2919) enjoying a variety of programs and projects at the Kinmount Community Centre and the Kinmount Cooperative Playschool meets Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the community centre. The Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach visits the Playschool on the first and third Monday of each month (488-3044). Eat in or take out lunch every Tuesday at the Legion from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with hot meals \$6 or sandwich and soup \$5. The Legion continues its regular Friday night bingo at 6:45 p.m. Making New Year's resolutions for 2010 about lifestyle changes? The Kinmount walking group meets downtown on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. For information on the fitness and yoga morning classes call Janet at 488-2630 and for evening yoga call Gail at 705-455-9294. To enquire about the open meditation classes contact the Dharma Centre located on the Galway Road at 488-2704.

Stayed tuned for news about public skating at the Kinmount Arena. The rain over Christmas set back the natural ice making but hopefully with these cold temperatures the rink will be ready by this coming weekend. To confirm times give Freshmart a call at 488-2211 where Tom, Susan and their staff send along best wishes for the New Year.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace (488-1414) will be closed during the month of January for upgrading of display areas and other visitor friendly measures. It will reopen on Saturday, Jan. 30 and continue on the winter schedule of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting.

May 2010 be a year of health, happiness and dreams coming true for you and yours.

Until next week...until next year....

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**January 1st
10:30 a.m.**



Algonquin Highlands offers multitude of winter activities



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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melalfano@hotmail.com

As mentioned last week, the 16th annual Dorset Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Carolling was enjoyed by all. I received some interesting information from Kerry Lock who has helped organize the event since its inception in 1994.

Kerry has kept track of all the official tree lighters and they are: 1994 Phyllis Briscoe, 1995 Irene Clayton, 1996 Don Lillow, 1997 Lenly Barry, 1998 Rosaleen Davies, 1999 Jean Greenaway, 2000 Mrs. Marcella McKay, 2001 Joyce McKey, 2002 Olga Cunningham, 2003 Millie McEachern, 2004 Mary Fitz Gibbon, 2005 Lorne Greenaway (his son Paul Greenaway on his behalf), 2006 Lorraine Weatherell, 2007 Brad Robinson, 2008 Ted Sage and this year, 2009 Norman MacKay. What an impressive list of past and present citizens of Dorset! Who

will it be in 2010?

Are you looking for something to do this winter? You should check out the township of Algonquin Highlands trails department, which is offering lots of winter-related activities. They will be renting cross-country ski and snowshoe equipment from their office located at 20130 Hwy. 35 on Lake St. Nora (beside the Frost Centre). For more information, you can call 766-9033 or have a look at their page on the website: www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

Fran Gower, RN, will be holding a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 6. For more information, contact Fran at 635-1229.

The Dorset book club is meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at the Dorset library at 1 p.m. to talk about the book, *Good to a Fault* by Marina Endicott. All are welcome and a library card is not required. For more information, call the library at 766-9969.

The MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Barry Devolin will be hosting a passport clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call for more information, as important documents are required. They will not be accepting cash and

passports will take a few weeks to be processed. To find out more, give the Recreation Centre a call at 766-9968.

Also, on Jan. 13 Marlene from Big Bead will be coming to the Recreation Centre to host a bead class at 7 p.m. The class will teach participants how to make a "beaded bead." This is a great class to use up those little bits and bobs of leftover beads from other projects. Marlene will also have a selection for purchase if you don't have any beads. Come and bead happy! Call 766-9968 for more information.

Coming up on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the Recreation Centre is a felting class. I am told participants will end up with a beautiful work of art in felt at the end of the class. The class is \$20 per person and all is included – no need to bring anything from home. Watch up coming columns for more information and to register, please call 766-9968.

I hope you have a very happy and healthy new year and wish you all the best for 2010!

Birthday wishes for the week of Dec. 27 to Jan. 2 go out to Kyle Chatelain, Hailey Pulfrey, Larry Bradbury and John Clayton. Have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

To advertise your upcoming event, call Angela at 286-1288

Coming Events

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• January 7 to 16: The Taoist Tai Chi Society (TM) is holding Open Houses in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of a new classes - Taoist Tai Chi(TM) is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. For more information, please call Brenda 447-2148 or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca

• January 9: Wilberforce Agricultural Society would like to Invite You to Our Annual General Meeting – Join us at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre at 7:30 pm. Come and learn about the workings of the Wilberforce Fair. Everyone Welcome!

• January 21: The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held at the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce – Join us at 7:00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments.

• Christmas Closure Minden and Haliburton OEYC – Both centres will be closed on Thursday, December 17 and reopening for regular hours on Monday, January 4, 2010. The Ontario Early Years Staff wish all families a safe and Happy Holiday.

• Good News Club – Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079.



Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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Deaths



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Peacefully, on Monday December 21, 2009 in her 81st year with her family by her side. Devoted wife of John Van Den Hoogen and Peter Kanter (both predeceased). Beloved mother of Frank (Deborah, predeceased), Louise (Marlene), Nicole (Don). Cherished Oma of Kevin, Ryan & Adam. Dear sister of Petra, Trudy, Tina, Ferd, Henry, Louie and predeceased by John, Rien, Mien, Bill and Ferdinand. She will be missed by her extended family, and many nieces and nephews in Canada, USA, Holland, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Sunday December 27, 2009 from 2-4 and 7-9. Then to **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden, Ontario on Monday morning, December 28, 2009 for Funeral Mass at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to SIRCH or ALS Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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